

D. RUM FACES THE KNOCKOUT IN THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

IF Texas isn't made safe for the youth of democracy at this extra session, it will be a great surprise to the people of the state for prohibition is in the air and the disciples of old D. Rum are mighty uneasy. While they are prepared to fight desperately for their existence, the strong element of citizenship is equally prepared to fight for the life and happiness of the Texas people and the host of victims in khaki who are at the army camps in the state.

The importance ascribed to the prohibition issue is well evidenced by the fact that hardly has the special session been convened when three measures dealing with the liquor evil were introduced. In convening the house, speaker Fuller declared that all political considerations must be cast aside and the members must work together to pass the measures submitted in the interests of the government, whether or not such action involved a surrender of personal views.

On the heels of this appeal came the introduction of a bill by representative R. L. Templeton, of Wellington, providing for the establishment of ten-mile dry zones around all military camps. He then introduced a bill providing statewide prohibition. Immediately afterward came the submission in both houses of the proposed amendment to the federal constitution to provide for national prohibition. This amendment, submitted to the state legislatures by vote of congress, will be considered adopted when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the states. Several legislatures have voted on it and all these have ratified it.

So the Texas legislature has before it three prohibition options—one for dry zones around the camps, merely; one for a state entirely dry, and the third for a dry nation. The ten-mile zone bill is patently legislation in the interest of the government and meant for the protection of soldiers against the liquor evil. Something of the kind is necessary for the farther away from camp liquor is, the harder it is for the bootlegger to ply his trade, and the less liquor there is available, the less chance has the health destroying woman to get in her work. Whether or not they will acknowledge the partnership, liquor dispensers and prostitutes run together and each aids the other. Getting rid of one helps the eradication of the other and the war department wants to get rid of both. So this bill is for the benefit of the government. But it would be for the benefit of Texas civilians, too, for it would make dry all the large cities in Texas. A ten-mile zone would make El Paso city as dry as a bone and San Antonio, Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Austin and Waco would also go dry. If the bill included naval stations as well as army camps, Galveston would be added to the list. It may be anywhere, as a garrison is located near that city at Fort Crockett.

This would not be equivalent to total prohibition in Texas, for remote suburbs and country towns would still be wet and the roadhouse would flourish the same as ever, provided it were outside the ten-mile zone.

Much depends on which of these bills is first considered. If the statewide prohibition bill is enacted into law, there is no need for the ten-mile zone bill, naturally. But if the ten-mile zone bill passes both houses and becomes law, the statewide prohibition bill should be passed. It would be a waste of time to pass a bill to make the abolition of liquor total. The vote on the national prohibition amendment would not be affected by either of these measures. The national amendment is practically certain of adoption, it now appears. In fact, both other bills are almost assured of passage also, for the record of the legislature in the last session on the vote to submit a prohibition amendment to the state constitution shows a majority in favor of prohibition in spite of the fight made by the brewers and other liquor interests. But a constitutional amendment requires affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total membership of each house and this could not be secured.

cured. Such an amendment can only be passed at a regular session of the legislature. The ten-mile zone bill and the state-wide bill require for passage only a simple majority. There is a question of the constitutionality of state-wide statute, however.

There is no question, it is said, of the legality of the ten-mile zone measure and this would serve to protect the soldiers while the state-wide measure, if it passed, was being decided by the courts, where it would doubtless be attacked.

The governor with the sentiment of the state strongly evidenced in the legislature, doubtless will be glad to concur if the prohibition measures were passed.

Cleanup At Douglas

DOUGLAS, Arizona, like El Paso, has been quick to respond to the insistent request of Brig. Gen. D. C. Cabell that there be a speedy cleanup in the town or the troops would be moved. The general complained of bootlegging and prostitution, saying both had grown extremely menacing and that a way had to be found to better the condition. To a meeting of citizens, the general suggested that one way would be for him to station prevent guardsmen at the doors of offending places to keep soldiers away, but said before he did so he would want the cooperation of the citizens so that no complaints would be sent to Washington about unwarranted military interference in civilian affairs.

This cooperation was granted to the general. Further, the chief of police, the mayor and the city attorney pledged their best efforts for a cleanup, stating they had been handicapped by difficulty in obtaining evidence due partly to lack of a numerically adequate police force and lack of money to hire enough men. The citizens then subscribed a fund to hire more policemen for the cleanup work.

The very next day, orders were read at retreat barring soldiers from nine restaurants where it was believed bootlegging was going on. The orders did not mention bootlegging but said the places had been condemned as "unsanitary." The commander is also to take action against one or more barber shops and various other places which have come into disrepute, while some action will be taken with regard to rooming houses where women of ill repute have been meeting soldiers.

Gen. Cabell will find the Douglas people taking an energetic lead in the cleanup. They do not want to lose the \$1,500,000 a year which the troops spend with them and what is more important, they do not want the moral condition of their town open to reproach.

Germany is grabbing for Russian territory like a politician for a column of space.

There are the days when the man in olive drab is uniformly addressed with respect.

Any Washington official who "spills the beans" is taking chances on getting Hoover down on him.

That German sea raider Wolf proved she really was one by devouring 11 wanderers she encountered.

Some of El Paso's cross streets are being paved and this is one of the most needed public improvements undertaken here in a long time.

On the heels of one season of drought, the Texas legislature is considering voting another one, but of a different and much more beneficial kind.

Drop It

By Hal Coffman

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Little Interviews

Suggest Military Baseball League For the Coming Season Mexican Boys, Combing Garbage, Scatter Waste Paper

THE outlook for baseball in El Paso for the coming season is not very good, but the suggestion of a military league is a first class one," said T. K. Saylor. "There is a fine lot of baseball material among the soldiers at El Paso, and baseball fans in El Paso could get good sport the coming season if games by military teams are staged. The reason why the army must furnish baseball, if there is any first class ball, is because the army has taken all the first class ball players."

are placed in the street for ornamental. All policemen have been instructed to be particularly vigilant about speeders, and when they are arrested every effort will be made to secure a conviction in the court.

"Granting that the cost of milk has increased because of the high cost of feed, any family in El Paso can save money and help in the economy of food by drinking more milk," said J. A. Smith. "By drinking milk, cream and separated milk at meals and cutting down on other foodstuffs, a great saving can be made in the grocery and meat bill. There is plenty of milk, cream, cheese and other products in El Paso and they will help wonderfully in reducing the cost of living if the people will use them."

"Another evidence that spring has arrived is noticeable about the bath rooms operated for the messenger boys," said T. A. Darling. "We make all of the messenger boys take a bath at the office and in the winter time we have to force some of them to it, but now we find the boys taking a bath when they come to work and another before they go home. We have seen these symptoms before and know it is only a sign of warmer weather."

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Jim Gets "Importantest Detale"

By OUR OWN KING W. LARDNER.



PRIVATE JIM

WILL all of ben wandering often why it is that they allways put me on the most important detales such as I of ben on a no. of times & just this wk. the importantest of them all coal detale. they is no ust of me telling even to a hole army, because villians know sumthing about coal these days only not a grate deal about it from 1st hand evadunce but a grate deal from lareasy sents a lot is printit about it in news pappers & other pappers. the only weigh you can rely know about anything is to see it & of coarse you & other villians dont never see much coal.

thats the reason why my bean on coal detale is a sine that I am pickt out for the importantest detale because it is sum oner to be the coal man these days when evan the pres. of the U of S is thinking about coal. you know me al. four this detale al you dont wear the nifty soldier close that you come into the city in but in the stead a pare of blue colored gumpers with hide everything about the soldier uniform but the end of the legings & the soldier shoes you wood hardly be known from a meechanick or any other villian workmen who is respectible. except for the end of the legings sticking out from in under the blue pants which is 1-2 of the gumpers the other 1-2 bean a blows or what mite be callid a coat only its not fully a coat but is headit that way.

after you get drest up in these bear gumpers your redy to join in with the other bloks who have coal detale as well as you four their a few other soldiers in this division who some times get onored beside me because they happen to be akwaintit with sum myels.

well al I never was mutch at getting friendly with no animals but in the army you dont have no choist & it is often to your add vantidge to have as wide akwaintance as possible. thats why these other ginks was pickd up for the coal detale because they happint to know a cappel of myels & its nestary for the cap ten to keep in rite with any I who has such influevshall friends as a myel or 2 so the cap ten tells the duty sargent to give them coal detale with they of got the saim as me onle ime me to have any coal detale with no myels not even to speak to them or make a remark about the whether to them.

the corporal which was in the charge of the detale ed to me you want have to do nothing but sit in the back of the waggin & when we get to the coal yard just talk the shorl & shorl untill the waggin is full but you must do it so as that you wont disturb us because we will have our handfull with these bear animals keeping them in good humor so they'll pull the coal back to our company. well al that was fare enuf I thot because what is the honor of shovelen a wagginful of coal to the distarse bean pals with 4 myels you are welkum to the myels cumpy ed i to the corporal lead me to the coal pile & in the stead of leadin me i road to the coal pile down to the r.r. siding wear the coal cums in. well al me allways rite them it comes to getting as mutch oner as possible so I its into that coal pile with the shorl & pritty wial the waggin which is a gray I like you have probly never seen was full & the guys who had ben having these trubbles with the 4 myels ed you weight bear till we drive on & they is a nother waggin to load.

& beleve me al I had sum honor that day I loadit up 4 coal waggins & finely went back to the sargent & reportit & as usual he was jellus & ed you boob wear have you ben ive been doing the biggest job in this can Tonement shovelling coal i ed. dont you know ed the sargent they was only I load for us you have ben working all a. m. for sum other cumpies well whate the diffrents i ed they of gave me the importantest job in the can Tonement shovelling coal which is like working in a dimund mine & why shoodnt I work at it for every buddy. well al be honest ansverd my question why maybe mister mackadon will read me in Washenten hay al you know me.

your OLD PAL JIM

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

Nothing but Fat.

Evidently there were to be no pork-less days on Hog Island.

How to Tell Them.

He shouts for the war and his country with many a clamorous cheer.

But you know when he grabs for a contract.

That he's only a profiteer!

Heavy News.

Now that it has been discovered that bones can be turned into glycerine and glycerine can be turned into high explosives, a number of baseball players are growing extremely uneasy.

Naturally.

Evidently the men who went to Hog Island after contracts brought home the bacon.

What a Chance.

If that American dentist of the Kaiser had been a real American there would have been hundreds of dollars amid the imperial molars as soon as the time fuse burned down to the filling.

Unhappy.

There is never any shortage of profiteers.

SNOW WETS CITY STREETS; WIND BREAKS WINDOW GLASS

Light snowfall Thursday morning followed a calm night after Wednesday's blizzard. The snow melted as fast as it fell and only moistened the streets.

During the windstorm a plate glass window in the west end of the Blockhart building on San Francisco street in a room occupied by the Dalton Adding Machine company was blown in and shattered.

CUBA STOPS THE LOADING OF SUGAR FOR MEXICO

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 25.—Loading of sugar for Mexican and Spanish ports has been stopped by order of the inspector general of the port under inspection said to have come from president Menocal. Mexican firms have contracted for 15,000 tons of sugar here.

HAS LINCOLN DEATH STORY.

Among the collection of relics of former presidents owned by J. M. Little, 607 North Florence street, is a copy of the New York Herald of April 1865, containing the story of the assassination of president Abraham Lincoln and his picture. Mrs. Little also has a Spanish peso coin of the year 1721.

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